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In re Application of: CARRIER et al.

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For: ELECTRICAL TREATMENT FOR OIL BASED  
DRILLING OR COMPLETION FLUIDS

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Atty. Dkt. No.: PA-00422US1

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97**

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It is respectfully requested that the listed items be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing on this application. Applicant further requests that an initialed copy of the enclosed FORM 1449 be entered into the application file wrapper and returned to the applicants with the next communication from the Office in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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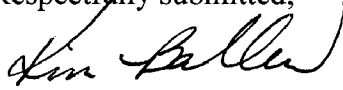
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Applicant hereby requests for any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. Applicant's representative hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to the MI-SWACO Deposit Account No. 13-3082, referencing PA-00422US2.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion, reconsideration, and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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